



# USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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## National Sheep Summary

**Weekly Trends:** Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady to 5.00 higher, except light lambs at San Angelo and Ft. Collins steady to 5.00 lower; slaughter ewes steady to 4.00 lower; feeder lambs steady. At San Angelo, TX this week 7638 head sold in a one day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 100 slaughter lambs in Wisconsin. In direct trading slaughter ewes steady; feeder lambs steady to 1.00 higher.

### Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 90-155 lbs 70.00-78.00; new crop 100-155 lbs 90.00-97.00.

Eastern Area (VA and PA): woolled 90-110 lbs 115.00; new crop 80-110 lbs 117.50-138.00, 110-125 lbs 117.00 in VA and in PA 80-110 lbs 162.00-172.00; 110-130 lbs 146.00-158.00; 130-150 lbs 116.00-124.00.

Inter Mt Area (CO, WY and MT): woolled 110-125 lbs 93.00-97.00.

Kalona, IA: shorn 115-125 lbs 118.00-119.00.

South Dakota: shorn 125 lbs 89.00; woolled 120-150 lbs 88.50-89.00; new crop 130 lbs 94.75.

Missouri: 135 lbs 94.00.

Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125 lbs 104.75.

### Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2:

San Angelo: new crop 40-90 lbs 100.00-120.00, few 122.00-124.50; 90-105 lbs 105.00-110.00. hair lambs 40-80 lbs 100.00-120.00, set 50 lbs 125.00.

Kalona, IA: 55-60 lbs 111.00-126.50; 60-70 lbs 107.50-122.00; 70-80 lbs 112.50-117.00; 80-90 lbs 116.00-118.50; 98-105 lbs 117.00-118.00.

Inter Mt Area: 40-50 lbs 100.00-101.00; 56 lbs 108.00; 60-70 lbs 98.00-120.00; 70-80 lbs 106.00-120.00; 80-90 lbs 100.00-120.00; 90-105 lbs 108.00-120.00; 110-120 lbs 104.00-109.00.

Missouri: 55-85 lbs 125.00-130.00; 90-110 lbs 125.00-128.00. hair lambs 47 lbs 117.50; 87 lbs 86.00.

Oklahoma: 60-70 lbs 110.00-127.00.

### Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3:

Eastern Area: 40-60 lbs 160.00-172.00; 60-80 lbs 158.00-170.00. (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)

Direct Trading: TX: 2500: Feeder Lambs new crop 70-90 lbs 113.00-115.00, set crossbreds 70 lbs 125.00 with .50 slide over 70 lbs.

CA: 18400: Feeder Lambs new crop 100-145 lbs 105.00-107.00.

Eastern Corbalt: 700: Slaughter Lambs woolled 110-130 lbs 92.00. Good and Choice 1-2 30-60 lbs 125.00. Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 22.00-23.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 20.00-22.00.

### Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 2-4 24.00-28.00; Good 2-3 30.00-40.00; Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-50.50; Utility 1-2 29.00-40.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 20.00-30.50; Cull 1 10.00-20.00.

Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 48.00-62.00; Utility and Good 1-3 34.00-46.00; Utility 1-2 20.00-32.00; Cull 1 7.00-16.00.

Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 30.00-32.00; Good 2-3 34.00-47.00; Utility 1-2 21.00-29.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 16.00-22.00; Cull 1 7.00-11.00.

Billings, MT: Good 3-4 no test; Good 2-3 no test; Utility 1-2 no test; Cull 1 no test.

So Dakota: Good 2-4 16.00-23.50; Good 2-3 23.50-29.00; Utility 1-2 19.00-23.00; Cull 1 8.50-16.50.

Oklahoma: Good 2-3 40.00-45.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-35.00; Cull 1 25.00-29.00.

Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 22.00-29.00; Utility 1-2 20.00-23.00.

Virginia: Good and Choice 2-4 27.50-38.00; Utility 1-2 29.00; Cull 1 30.00.

Kalona: Good 2-3 22.00-37.00; Utility 1-2 20.00-29.00.

### Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: new crop 45-95 lbs 112.00-119.50, large set 63 lbs 122.00.

Virginia: new crop 60-90 lbs 119.00.

Intermt area: 65-70 lbs 120.00-125.00.

Kalona: 45-50 lbs 111.00-120.00; 50-60 lbs 105.00-107.00; 72 lbs 110.00; 90-100 lbs 117.50-119.00.

So Dakota: 36 lbs 126.00; 46 lbs 119.00; 50-60 lbs 120.00-121.50; 60-65 lbs 116.50-120.00; 80-90 lbs 111.50-116.00; 104 lbs 108.00; 110-120 lbs 87.00-92.50.

Missouri: 30-65 lbs 100.00-125.00.

### Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

Kalona, IA: Thin ewes 125-190 lbs 22.00-37.50 cwt.

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## National Daily Lamb Carcass Report

Negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis

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Compared to last week: Carcass Lamb 45-55# 6.16 lower, 55# up .04-1.93 higher.

### DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Head 1,068

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	17	357.15
45-55#	49	285.93
55-65#	147	218.18
65-75#	136	208.03
75-85#	219	198.86
85-UP	500	188.02

### \* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Head 6,435

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	106	297.32
45-55#	299	244.81
55-65#	854	227.70
65-75#	1,169	205.56
75-85#	1,768	199.95
85-UP	2,239	188.62

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## USDA National Lamb Estimated Grading Percent Report

**Week Ending 4/26/2008:** Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 52,582 head. 49,910 Lambs, 94.9% of total Sheep slaughtered. 33,243 graded, 66.61% of total Lambs slaughtered. 80 Certified Schedule CL, 0.24% of total Lambs graded.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade (May include hindsaddles)					
Quality	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Prime	0.00%	1.44%	4.70%	3.00%	0.88%	10.02%
Choice	4.07%	26.93%	43.06%	13.26%	2.66%	89.98%
Total %	4.07%	28.38%	47.75%	16.26%	3.54%	

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### SLAUGHTER LAMBS

Choice & Prime 2-3  
Shorn & Woolled  
(130-160 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	81.25	72.50 N/Q
El Reno, OK	N/Q	N/Q
Ft Collins, CO	N/Q	92.00 N/Q

### SLAUGHTER EWES

Good 2-4

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	37.25	39.00 39.00
St. Onge, Newell, SD	N/Q	N/Q
Ft. Collins, CO	38.50	32.50 34.00
Sioux Falls, SD	24.50	25.50 35.25

### FEEDER LAMBS

Medium-Large 1-2

Woolled (90-110 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	117.00	116.00 97.50
St. Onge, Newell, SD	N/Q	N/Q
Ft. Collins, CO	N/Q	N/Q

### CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG

	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	336.50	357.15
45-55#	250.28	285.93
55-65#	223.28	218.18
65-75#	202.68	208.03
75-85#	200.42	198.86
85-Up	189.00	188.02

Last Year

45#-Dn	327.76
45-55#	236.52
55-65#	207.50
65-75#	194.59
75-85#	192.15
85-Up	176.06

## National Boxed Lamb Cuts

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

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### Current Volume

Fresh Cuts 973,675 pounds  
Frozen Cuts 203,466 pounds

\*Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.\*

### FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
202	Foresaddle	4	29,747	\$248.76	0.00
203	Bracelet	3	3,588	\$300.80	(6.93)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	12	1,057	\$614.37	(3.91)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	69	19,669	\$545.65	3.99
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	16	6,150	\$507.90	(1.51)
204A	Rack, chined	32	8,602	\$671.24	8.45
204B	Rack, roast-ready	15	6,062	\$997.45	(44.36)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	157	33,312	\$1,033.14	(1.56)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	13	3,317	\$1,517.82	35.09
206	Shoulders	68	96,083	\$151.28	(0.29)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	130	111,078	\$178.72	(3.70)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	19	2,332	\$325.96	5.26
209	Breast	61	24,173	\$93.00	(0.72)
	Breast, bulk	21	27,808	\$67.72	(0.71)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	23	2,004	\$338.28	(8.20)
210	Foreshank	156	24,970	\$295.64	2.75
231	Loins	18	3,846	\$293.00	0.96
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	68	20,950	\$387.34	2.05
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	4	1,150	\$453.72	0.00
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	12	7,308	\$616.87	22.21
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	5	616	\$912.37	41.12
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	21	2,902	\$454.81	(0.08)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	53	13,086	\$626.59	14.22
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	36	11,581	\$693.06	26.05
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	3	77	\$847.04	(0.15)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	9	5,049	\$47.50	(0.67)
233	Legs	49	24,101	\$261.99	(1.64)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	166	57,719	\$269.38	(2.74)
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	40	12,661	\$374.07	3.76
233E	Leg, steamship	14	4,098	\$351.17	0.16
233F	Hindshank	32	7,146	\$311.60	3.61
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	108	38,356	\$402.81	1.71
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	51	11,346	\$450.37	10.19
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	3	1,046	\$413.99	(3.33)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	78	13,743	\$471.98	(0.93)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	22	3,136	\$362.16	(0.15)
236	Back, trimmed	16	316	\$538.49	1.72
238	Trimnings	25	3,146	\$221.02	0.32
295	Lamb for stewing	38	7,127	\$421.87	2.29
296	Ground lamb	102	17,137	\$336.26	(1.96)
	Necks	23	2,905	\$77.48	0.43

### FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	9	12,259	\$395.27	(28.76)
206	Shoulders	3	2,296	\$180.50	3.51
209	Breast	5	9,154	\$80.05	(0.04)
	Breast, bulk	3	57,240	\$82.41	5.13
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	4	425	\$273.44	(1.33)
210	Foreshank	8	4,394	\$246.11	0.00
232E	Flank, untrimmed	7	32,434	\$29.23	2.16
233A	Leg, trotter-off	3	798	\$292.77	0.00
233F	Hindshank	3	340	\$324.50	0.00
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	4	4,745	\$402.96	0.00
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	6	438	\$533.05	(0.81)
238	Trimnings	13	12,590	\$131.41	(27.41)
295	Lamb for stewing	12	2,070	\$384.30	(5.18)
296	Ground lamb	21	2,222	\$276.27	0.12
	Necks	9	17,912	\$54.42	(0.57)

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## National Weekly Comprehensive Lamb Carcass Report

Combined Negotiated, Formula and Forward Contract sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis.

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CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4	Head	9,576
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN		
45-55#		
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5	Head	386
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN		
45-55#		
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB	Head	368
Weight	Head	Wt Avg

UNGRADED	Head	529
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN		
45-55#		
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

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## USDA Estimated National Lamb Carcass Cutout

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average prices & industry yields

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\*\*\* Based on information provided by major lamb breakers the lamb cut percentages have been updated \*\*\*

CUTS	FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%	CARCAS	LBS.
<b>FORESADDLE</b>					
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	545.65	4.00	10.77%	7.22	
209 BREAST **	80.94	2.70	8.85%	5.93	
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	178.72	-3.70	23.53%	15.77	
210 FORESHANK	295.64	2.74	3.82%	2.56	
NECK **	57.64	-1.35	2.22%	1.49	
<b>HINDSADDLE</b>					
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	387.34	2.05	10.97%	7.35	
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	31.69	1.29	3.39%	2.27	
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	269.38	-2.74	31.88%	21.36	
<b>GROSS CARCASS VALUE:</b>					
FORESADDLE VALUE	250.05	-0.73	95.45%	63.95	
HINDSADDLE VALUE	245.09	-0.26	49.20%	32.97	
	279.94	-1.31	46.24%	30.98	
<b>Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50</b>					
NET CARCASS VALUE	218.55	-0.73			

\* Shrink and trim of 3.05 lb's not reflected in cutout value  
\* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 67 lbs. for W/E 4/26/08, down 4 pounds from last week.  
\*\*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

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## Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj\\_ls711.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_ls711.txt)

### For W/E 04/26/2008

Monday	11,723
Tuesday	10,809
Wednesday	9,764
Thursday	11,960
Friday	8,263
Saturday	63
Total	52,582

Lambs & Yearlings 94.9%  
Mature Sheep 5.1%

### Red Meat Production

(Estimated, except \*Actual\*)

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj\\_ls712.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_ls712.txt)

### Production Mil.Lbs.

10-May-2008	3.3
03-May-2008	2.9
Change	13.8%
*12-May-2007*	3.3
Change	0.0%
2008 YTD:	63.4
*2007 YTD:	67.8
Change	-6.5%
*26-Apr-2008*	3.5

### Average Live Weights

10-May-2008	139
03-May-2008	144
*12-May-2007*	146
*26-Apr-2008*	132

### Dressed

10-May-2008	70
03-May-2008	72
*12-May-2007*	73
*26-Apr-2008*	66

### Slaughter

10-May-2008	47,000
03-May-2008	41,000
Change	14.6%
*12-May-2007*	46,000
Change	2.2%
2008 YTD:	885,000
*2007 YTD:	952,000
Change	- 7.0%

## New Zealand Meat and Wool Export Summary

**LAMB:** World demand for NZ lamb cuts continues to thrive, especially from European markets. NZ leg prices exported to the EU continue firm and these prices have not been at these levels since 2005. Long term outlook remains good in European markets as sheep flocks continue to shrink. The weakening of the NZD against the USD and Sterling, in combination with strong meat returns, more than offset lower slipewool returns and a drop in pelt quality. This resulted in a lift in the NZX Agrifax Market Indicators by app. NZ3c/kg.

Lamb (\$/Head)	Fat Cover (mm)	Week Ending 03-May-08	Week Ending 26-APR-08
24 lbs	0-6	20.68	20.64
33 lbs	7-12	40.67	40.87
46 lbs	7-12	55.97	56.25
Pelt 1 lb		1.67	1.71
Ewe (\$/Head)			
46 lbs		26.37	26.10
Wool (c/cwt clean)	(microns)		
Fine	21	394.63	424.57
Medium	25	295.29	310.71
Coarse	35	131.09	132.00

Notes: All prices are U.S. Dollars./ All meat prices are carcass based and net to farmers. Lamb values include a 1 kg shorn pelt. Ewe values at 0.5 kg pelt.

Source: NZX Agrifax Limited, New Zealand [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/wa\\_ls666.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/wa_ls666.txt)

## Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

	Current 04/26/08	Week Ago 04/19/08	Year Ago 04/28/07	04/26/08 YTD	04/28/07 YTD	%Change
Cattle:	65,965	61,425	64,171	1,022,574	1,073,001	-4.7%
Calves:	5,336	5,341	4,896	83,916	83,263	0.8%
Sheep:	3,281	3,242	2,485	55,438	52,099	6.4%
Hogs:	394,958	401,003	402,233	6,792,158	6,774,061	0.3%

Source: Agriculture Canada, CANFAX, & the Canadian Beef Grading Agency 202-7208054

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/wa\\_ls718.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/wa_ls718.txt)

## Canadian Live Animal Imports By State Of Entry

Sheep State	Fdr	Slghtr Lambs	Slghtr Ewes	Brdng Males	Brdng Females	Other	Total
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## Texas Sheep Export Figures

Thursday, 05/08/2008	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PREV YTD	PERCENT
		*2008*	*2007*	CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	0	0	40,556	50,458
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	40,556	50,458
				-19.62%

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## Lamb & Mutton Imports

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD: 03/16/08-03/22/08	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses	CutsMisc	FreshProcessed	TOTAL
Australia	0	4	361	0	0	365
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	16	396	18	0	430
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	20	757	18	0	795

METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD: 03/16/08-03/22/08	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses	CutsMisc	FreshProcessed	TOTAL
Australia	0	16	0	0	0	16
Canada	0	0	0	0	1	1
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	16	0	0	1	17

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		Australia	N Zeal	Canada	Other	Total
Wk Ending	22-Mar-08	365	430			795
Prev Week	15-Mar-08	709	528		1	1,238
Year Ago	24-Mar-07	975	432	4		1,411
2007 YTD		7,193	4,154	10	0	11,357
2008 YTD		6,526	3,547	0	1	10,074

2008 to 2007 by % 90.73% 85.39% 0.00% 88.70%

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## Imported Lamb

### NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS AND LAMB CUTS - IMPORTED PRODUCT

FOB cold storage; negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period and forward contract sales for delivery within 22-90 day period; fresh and frozen carlot volume; U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

\*Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades\*

WEEKLY VOLUME	AUS = Australian	NZ = New Zealand
Negotiated Sales:		
Fresh Cuts =	Pounds	
Frozen Cuts =	Pounds	
Forward Contract Sales:		
Fresh Cuts =	Pounds	
Frozen Cuts =	Pounds	

Note!!

Due to the lack of voluntary packer participation in the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program, this report cannot be issued.

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## Regional Weekly Summaries

### Mountain Areas and Western United States Sheep

**Receipts:** 18,430    **Last Week:** 2020

Compared to last week: California springer feeder lambs steady to 1.00 higher. Trading activity and Demand moderate. All of this supply was feeder lambs. Feeder lamb sales FOB with overnight stand or equivalent 3-4 percent shrink unless otherwise noted. Prices quoted per cwt. Current delivery unless otherwise noted.

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### South Central Direct Sheep

**Feeder Lambs:** Compared to last week feeder lambs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Numbers of available feeder lambs are increasing but most producers are taking advantage of available feed because of the lack of price differential due to weight.

**Slaughter Lambs:** TX: None.

**Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None.

**Replacement Ewes:** TX: No test.

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### Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep

**Total sheep and lamb sales:** 675    **Last week:** 849    **Year ago:** 846

Compared to last week, slaughter lambs sold 4.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes sold unevenly steady. Slaughter kids and bucks sold 2.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter nannies were 2.00 to 3.00 lower. This week trade and demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. This week's supply was made up of 52% lambs and 48% slaughter ewes; with an additional 1,146 head of goats.

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### Sioux Falls Weekly Sheep Auction

Slaughter lambs sold steady on a light test. Slaughter ewes 2.00-5.00 higher. Feeder lambs sold steady to firm. Sheep supplies near 48 percent slaughter ewes, about 36 percent feeder lambs and the balance mostly slaughter lambs. Receipts this week 885 including 61 goats compared with 903 including 5 goats last week and 1324 including 134 goats a year ago.

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## Weekly Lamb Pelts

**WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT, FOB Major Production Points**  
Per Piece Price

**Pelt activity this week compared to last week:** Packer sorted green salted pelts steady to firm. Demand good for light to moderate offerings. Despite increased fuel related costs, near 30% higher than last years, shipping overseas is clearing well. Imperial pelt run nearly complete for this year.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED	FREE, MOSTLY GOOD	DENSITY WOOL
SHORN	Price Range	UNSHORN	Price Range
Fall Clips	6.00 - 9.00	Wools	3.00 - 6.00
No. 1	5.00 - 8.00	Pickling skins	1.50 - 3.25
No. 2	4.00 - 7.00	**Springers;	6.00 - 8.50
No. 3	2.00 - 3.50	Western Slope,	
No. 4	1.00 - 2.50		
Imperial's		Idaho,	
Fall Clips	9.00 -11.00	Kansas,	
No. 1		Midwest,	
No. 2		Native(Gray)	
		California,	

**Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades last week showed 16,661 pelts consisting of 8.27% woolled, 85.94% Fall Shorn No.1, 5.79% No.2, 0.00% No.3&4.**

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## National Wool Review

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was active this week. With 752,701 lbs of confirmed sales this week. Demand moderate to good. California lots reported under Fleece states. Demand for lots sold at the Roswell sale demand good with many lots bringing around 80 percent of Australia.

Weighted Average Clean Wool Prices for this week Prices reflect FOB warehouse sales for Original Bag, Bellies Out wool (some graded), in square packs, 76 mm or longer this week. No allowance made for coring, freight or handling fees at the warehouse level to reflect net grower prices.

**\*\* Indicates new Price this week \*\***

Micron	U.S.	Fleece	Territory	Texas/
	GRADE	States	States	N.M
18	80'S	N.A	None	None
19	80'S	N.A.	3.78*	3.46*
20	70'S	3.15*	3.40*	3.43*
21	64-70'S	3.17*	3.45*	3.39*
22	64'S	3.00*	3.19*	3.28*
23	62'S	2.94*	2.96*	3.20*
24	60-62'S	2.67*	2.66*	None
25	58'S	2.22	2.35*	None
26	56-58'S	None	2.19*	None
27	56'S	None	1.86	N.A.
28	54'S	None	1.26	N.A.
29	50-54'S	None	None	N.A.
30-34	46-50'S	.99	.83	N.A.

(N.A. - microns normally not available in this area). Wool less than 75 mm discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually .10-.20 premium to OB prices.

Greasy wool trading was at a standstill this week. With 683,953 lbs of confirmed sales this week. Demand moderate. Ewe wools mostly BO in Packs and quoted with a weighted average: Fleece States 20 micron 1.46; 21 micron 1.45; 22 micron 1.43; 23 micron 1.42; 24 micron 1.40; 25 micron 1.38. Territory States 20 micron 2.31; 21 micron 1.66; 22 micron 1.60; 23 micron 1.59; 24 micron 1.35; 25 micron 1.09; 26 micron 1.10; 28 micron .93. New Mexico and Texas 19 micron 1.75; 20 micron 1.60; 21 micron 1.59; 22 micron 1.48.

Yearling wools mostly BO in Packs and quoted with a weighted average: Fleece States 19 micron 1.85; 20 micron 1.79; 21 micron 1.55; 22 micron 1.39; 23 micron 1.11. Territory states 20 micron 1.49; 22 micron. New Mexico and Texas 18 micron 1.95; 19 micron 1.64; 20 micron 1.69.

Bellies and Tags: Fleece States bellies .63 and tags .39. Territory States bellies .87-1.13 and tags .49-.57. New Mexico and Texas bellies .95-1.21 and tags .44-.61.

Black Face 50-76 mm .54-.64; 25-50 mm .45-.48; less than 25 mm .28.

Black Face Cross 50-76 mm .64-.69; 38-50 mm .58.

FSA Wool LDP payment up .05 at .20 per pound net grower on a greasy basis. This week's Mohair LDP unchanged at .71 per pound.

**Domestic Wool Tags - delivered to buyer, greasy basis:**

# 1 .40    # 2 .20-.25    # 3 .10

Mohair trading was at a standstill this week following last week's moderate trade. Demand moderate.

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was down 20 at 884 cents per Kg clean from last week. A total of 48,646 bales were offered with sales of 79.1 percent. Next week's will offerings totaling 50,806 bales. The current exchange rate is .9405 percent of the U.S. dollar.

**Australian Wool Sales - Prices Delivered Charleston S.C. All Schlumberger dry basis.**

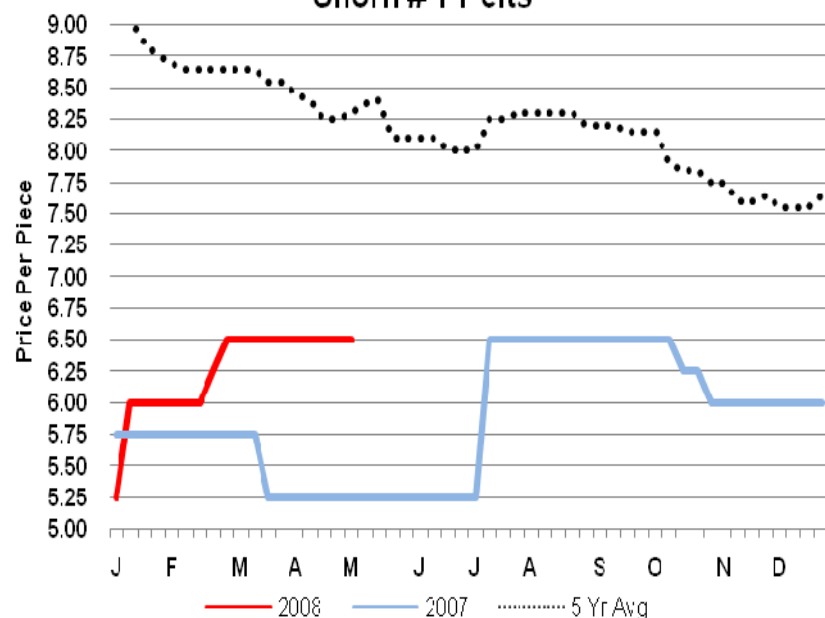
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price	Change from
		in U.S. Dollars	last week
18	80's	6.23	-.01
19	80's	4.99	-.11
20	70's	4.13	-.10
21	64-70's	3.89	-.06
22	64's	3.82	-.06
23	62's	3.71	-.06
24	60-62's	3.41	-.05
25	58's	2.88	-.02
26	56-58's	2.73	+.05
28	54's	1.94	+.01
30	50's	1.63	+.01
Merino Clippings		1.99	+.01

**EMI closed at 884 cents per kg clean**

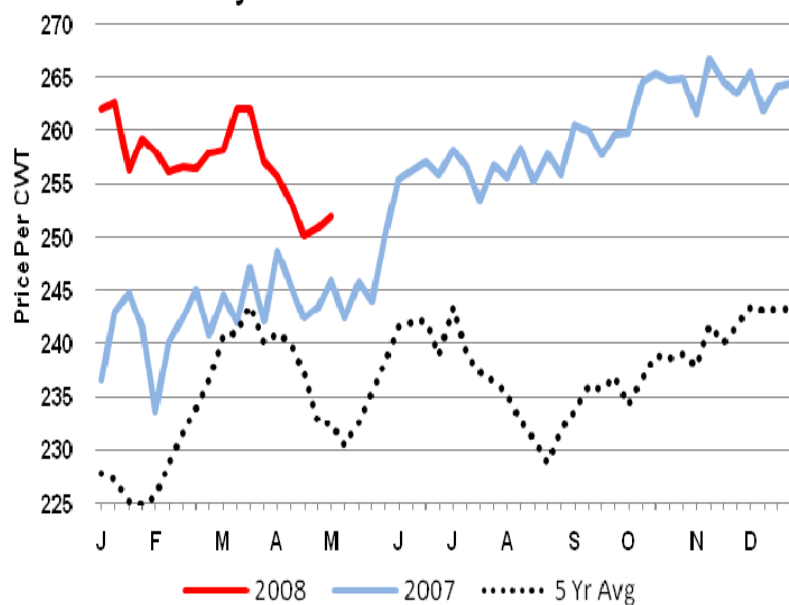
**Australian Exchange rate to U.S. \$ is .9405**

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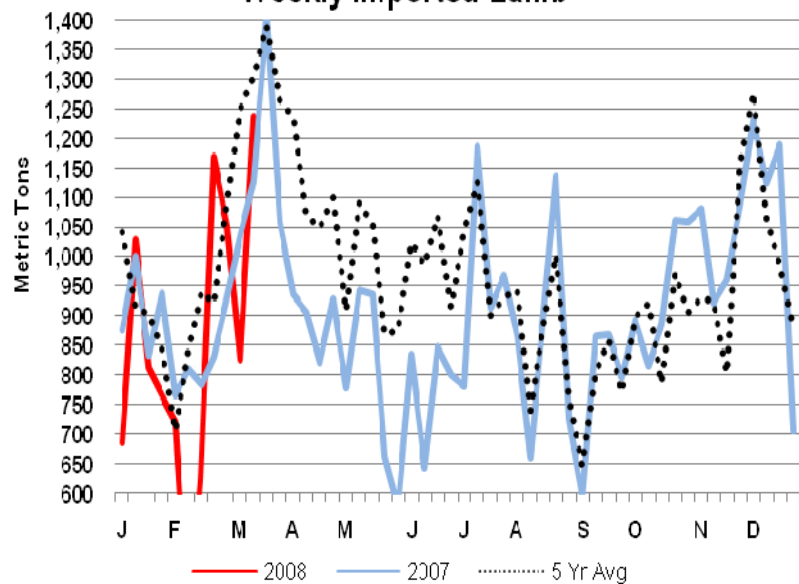
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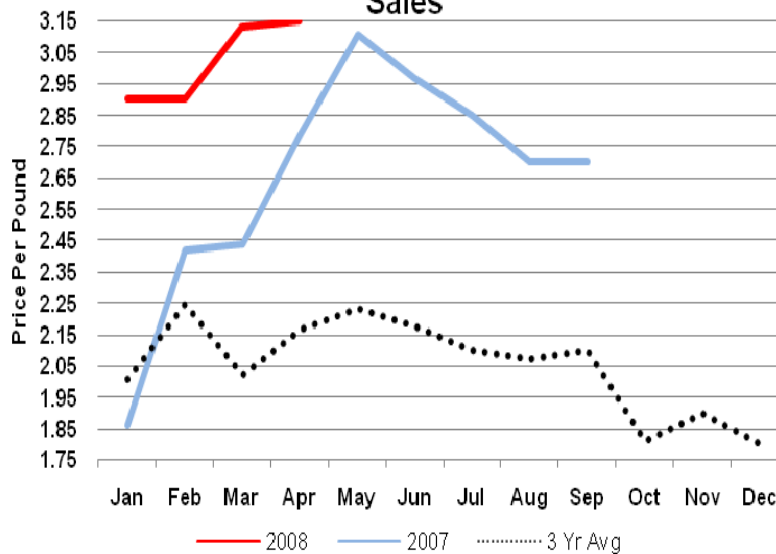
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### Weekly Imported Lamb



### Monthly Clean Wool, US Grade 64's, Territory Sales



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